



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: KAWARABATA et al.

Serial No.: 10/581,732

Filed: June 6, 2006

Docket: 10873.1912USWO

Title: EXTRACORPOREAL BLOOD CIRCULATING APPARATUS,  
CLOSED-TYPE VENOUS RESERVOIR AND EXTRACORPOREAL  
BLOOD CIRCULATING METHOD

**CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.10**

Express Mail mailing label number: EV 858804480 US

Date of Deposit: September 6, 2006

I hereby certify that the papers listed below are being deposited with the United States Postal Service Express Mail Post Office to Addressee service under 37 CFR 1.10 in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Missing Parts, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

By: 

Name: Abbie Larkin

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Mail Stop Missing Parts  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Commissioner:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of any foreign patent documents or "Other Documents" are enclosed. At least some of the references cited on Form 1449 were cited in an International Search Report for the corresponding PCT/JP2004/018303 application. This search report, mailed January 18, 2005, was submitted with the initial filing of this application.

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97, this statement is being filed (CHECK ONE):

- ☒ (1) within three (3) months of the Filing Date, before the mailing date of a First Office Action on the merits, or before the mailing date of a First Office Action on the merits after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114; or
- ☐ (2) after the period defined in (1) but before the mailing date of a Final Rejection or Notice of Allowance, and
- ☐ the requisite Statement is below, OR
- ☐ the requisite fee of \$180.00 under Rule 1.17(p) is included herein, or

- ☐ (3) after the mailing date of a Final Rejection or Notice of Allowance but on or before the payment of the Issue Fee, AND
- ☐ the requisite Statement is below, AND
- ☐ the requisite fee of \$180.00 under Rule 1.17(p) is included herein.

### STATEMENT

As required under §1.97(e), Applicants hereby state either that:

- ☐ 1. Each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of the Information Disclosure Statement; or
- ☐ 2. No item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and to the knowledge of the person signing this Statement after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was known to any individual designated in §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.
- ☐ If this box is checked, Applicant provides the following:

#### **Certification Under 37 C.F.R. §1.704(d)**

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.704(d), the undersigned hereby certifies that each item listed on the enclosed Form 1449 was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application, and that this communication was not received by any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) more than thirty (30) days prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

- ☐ The Examiner is hereby advised of the following co-pending U.S. applications. A copy of each U.S. patent application publication (if published) or application (if not published) is enclosed.

Application No.

Filing Date

Group

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached

Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

**FEE AUTHORIZATION**

Should any fee associated with the submission of this paper not be attached hereto as a check, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the missing fee to our Deposit Account, No. 50-3478. Any overpayments should be credited to said Deposit Account.

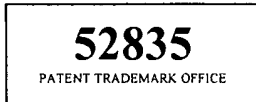
Respectfully submitted,

HAMRE, SCHUMANN, MUELLER &  
LARSON, P.C.

Post Office Box 2902

Minneapolis, MN 55402-0902

(612) 455-3800



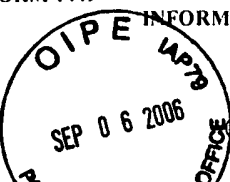
Dated: September 6, 2006

By: *Curtis B. Hamre*

Curtis B. Hamre

Reg. No. 29,165

CBH:DPM:acp

<b>FORM 1449*</b>  <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</b> <b>IN AN APPLICATION</b> (Use several sheets if necessary)	Docket Number: 10873.1912US01	Application Number: 10/581,732
	Applicant: KAWARABATA et al.	
	Filing Date: June 6, 2006	Group Art Unit Unknown

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
						YES	NO
	JP 2000-299	01/2000	Japan			Abstract	
	JP 62-27965	02/1987	Japan			Partial	
	JP 52-120593	10/1977	Japan			Partial	
	EP 1 053 760	11/2000	European Patent Application				

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		

**52835**  
PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED
EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form for next communication to the Applicant.	